

December 21, 1982

Memo to File:

RE: Raptor Nest Platforms  
Getty Mineral Resources Corp.  
Mercur Canyon Project  
ACT/045/017  
Tooele County, Utah

On December 16, 1982, Susan Linner of the Division, accompanied by Ron Joseph of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, visited the Mercur Canyon minesite. The purpose of the visit was to look for places where raptor nesting platforms could be erected. Glen Eurick of Getty led the tour.

The area around the tailings pond was examined. An active Cooper's Hawk nest occurred in this area last year. It was determined that a nest platform could be erected in a bowl out of sight above the tailings area. This will be done next summer when equipment can access the area.

Next, the UP&L distribution line that is being erected was examined to determine the possibility of anchoring platforms on the power pole structures. Two structures were chosen to place platforms upon. One is on the ridge above the mine, on the backside as the line descends to the mine access road; the other is after the line descends and begins to run across a bench to Tooele. Access to both poles can be controlled to some extent by Getty. Mr. Eurick indicated that these platforms could be erected and placed by late January, before the power line becomes energized. The design will follow that used successfully on Idaho Power & Light lines.

Getty will also ask Fish & Wildlife Service permission to move the Cooper's Hawk nest in the tailings area to a tree that will be less impacted by mining operations and to use a red-tailed Hawk nest that will be impacted by a waste dump on one of the power pole platforms.

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